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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF MOTION PICTURE EXPORTS TO SRI LANKA

1. THE MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MPEAA) HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS NOTIFIED ITS BOMBAY OFFICE TO RESUME SHIPMENT OF FEATURE MOTION PICTURE FILMS TO SRI LANKA.

2. MPEAA HAD REFUSED TO SELL FILMS TO GOSL AGENCY. FILMS WILL BE IMPORTED DIRECTLY BY REGULAR CUSTOMERS (I.E., THEATRE CHAINS). WHILE THERE WILL BE NO QUOTA ON NUMBER OF FEATURE FILMS WHICH CAN BE IMPORTED, THERE IS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, A LIMITATION OF RS 800,000 WHICH CAN BE REPATRIATED PER YEAR IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. THE REMAINDER OF EARNINGS WILL REMAIN IN BLOCKED RUPEE ACCOUNTS.

3. MPEAA OFFICIAL INDICATED EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN FULL DETAILS ON IMPORT ARRANGEMENT FROM LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS OF US FILMS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF LEAD TIME

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NEEDED TO PREPARE AND SHIP PRINTS, IT MIGHT BE A MONTH

TO SIX WEEKS FROM NOW BEFORE AMERICAN FILMS BEGIN TO
ARRIVE AGAIN IN SRI LANKA.

4. COMMENT: MPEAA OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT BY TAKING A
HARD LINE ON THE QUESTION OF IMPORT CHANNELS, IT HAS
SUCCEEDED IN UPHOLDING ONE OF ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES, THAT

OF REFUSING, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO DEAL WITH GOVERNMENT
IMPORT MONOPOLIES. RUSH

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